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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 33-35 and 53 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-32, 36-52 and 54 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 33-35 and 53 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group IIa, claims 33-35 and 53 in the reply filed on 10-20-05 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that a serious burden does not exist because the search for Group I is the same as the search for Group II. This is not found persuasive because, as stated in the previous office action, the apparatus can be used in adhesive bonding. This would require a search in class 156/582, which is not required for the method claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 33-35 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 3,184,841 (Jones). Jones teaches arranging ends of the parts opposite one another where the ends are provided with flat axially normal cross sectional areas (figure 16, item 12); pressing the cross sectional surfaces against one another by moving at least one of the ends axially relative to another of the ends such that the face areas of the ends are brought to one of an increased temperature and axially aligning and mechanically bonding the parts (figure 16, items 36, 40 and F); forcing the parts together to produce an all over metallic bonding of the ends (col. 5, ll.

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29-30) and where the welding area takes place under increasing pressure (F); a first and second clamping arrangements structured and arranged to position ends of the parts against one another (figure 16, item 16); at least one of the first and second clamping arrangements being axially movable with respect to another of the first and second clamping arrangements (figure 16, item 16); first and second moving devices for respectively moving the first and second clamping arrangements along a direction that is parallel to a part cross-sectional plane (figure 16, item 16e); and first and second control devices for controlling movement of the first and second moving devices, wherein the part cross-sectional plane is defined by an end face of one of the parts (col. 5, l. 55-75); arranging ends of the two parts opposite one another; pressing the ends against one another by moving at least one of the ends axially relative to another of the ends (figure 16, items 12 and 14); moving the ends relative to each other along a direction which is parallel to an end surface of at least one of the ends (figure 16, items 12 and 14); axially aligning the parts; and metallicity bonding the ends of the two parts (abstract).

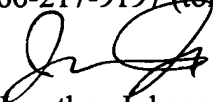
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-1177. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pat Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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